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TAGS: WFC, PDIP

SUBJECT: WFC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REF: STATE 81535

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING NOTE FROM M. SHAMSUL
HUQ:

BEGIN QUOTE.

DEAR MR. SECRETARY OF STATE,

IN A CABLE DATED MARCH 3, 1978 I HAD REQUESTED YOUR SUPPORT
FOR THE CANDIDATURE FOR MR. SALAHUDDIN AHMED, PERMANENT
SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH, FOR THE POST OF
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL. IN NOMI-
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BANGLADESH'S SPECIAL INTEREST IN THE SPHERE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE, BOTH IN THE INTERNAL AND INTERNATIONAL PLANES, IS WELL-KNOWN. MR. AHMED'S CANDIDATURE FOR THE POST OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UNDERSCORES OUR EARNEST DESIRE AND COMMITMENT TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION IN THIS VERY VITAL AREA. IT IS OUR SINCERE HOPE THAT YOU WILL GIVE EVERY CONSIDERATION TO MR. AHMED'S CANDIDATURE AND FIND IT POSSIBLE TO CONVEY THE SUPPORT OF YOUR GOVERNMENT TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WHO IS THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE, AS WELL AS TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FAO AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE WFC, HIS EXCELLENCY ARTURO TANCO, AGRICULTURE SECRETARY OF THE PHILIPPINES, BOTH OF WHOM WILL BE CONSULTED BEFORE A DECISION IS TAKEN.

YOURS SINCERELY,

M. SHAMSUL HUQ. END QUOTE.

2. AMBASSADOR REQUESTED TO CONVEY FOLLOWING REPLY TO HUQ:

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AS YOU MAY BE AWARE, MR. WILLIAMS CURRENTLY IS SERVING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE OF OECD. PRIOR TO THAT HE HELD A NUMBER OF SENIOR POSTS IN THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. HIS CANDIDACY SIGNALS THE SIGNIFICANT IMPORTANCE THE UNITED STATES ATTACHES TO THE WORK OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

(SIGNED)

HIS EXCELLENCY

M. SHAMSUL HUQ,

MEMBER, PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL OF ADVISERS

IN-CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,

DACCA, BANGLADESH. END QUOTE. VANCE

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